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**Governor Brewer Celebrates 63<sup>rd</sup> National Day of Prayer**  
*Issues proclamation commemorating Arizona Day of Prayer*

PHOENIX – In coordination with the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual National Day of Prayer, Governor Jan Brewer today proclaimed May 1, 2014 as “Arizona Day of Prayer.”

“Uniting in voluntary prayer is a custom and freedom as old as our state and nation. I am proud to recognize its power and importance by continuing the annual tradition of the “Arizona Day of Prayer,” said Governor Brewer. “Like millions across this great country, prayer has guided me personally and professionally.

“Today, Americans of all faiths, backgrounds and political persuasions lift up through prayer our nation and its leaders, and ask for wisdom, courage and guidance. I invite my fellow Arizonans to join me in reflecting on our countless blessings, and to recognize the fundamental rights that allow us this opportunity. It is a freedom we should never take for granted.”

The first national call to prayer was issued in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. In 1952, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation proclaiming that a National Day of Prayer must be declared by each subsequent president on an appropriate date of his choice. Today, our country celebrates this occasion on the first Thursday of each May.

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